The FCC has far overstepped its purpose and oringinal goal, this not a bad thing in and ov itself however. We are glad to experience the kind of technological growth and inventions come forth so rapidly as we have seen, and the FCC has found itself quite busy with keeping up, however the FCC is in danger of losing all public support by listening only to the side of the corporate world. Such bills such as NPRM 02-230 are an attack on consumer choice and the rights of the people to chose how they have their media delivered, it is not a case of copyrights and content restriction, it is being denied a free and viable community supported product just that that corporate mandates and limited use software are made the only legal choice. This chokes out our freedom and kills innovation, free software provides a option for those with little or no money, as well as a financial savings to public and charitable institutions, and can provide the motivation for competition from ! the commercial software groups as they try to compete with features, not with backhanded legal tactics and goverment bought wars against our rights.

Think carefuly about how long the general public will stay ignorant of such issues, and how bad it will get when they realize its all an attack on their ability to practise fair use and a way to stiffle the innovation of the american public.

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